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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and the Written Opinion issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/8123, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report (in English and Japanese), the International Preliminary Examination Report (in Japanese), and the Written Opinion (in Japanese) were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on December 27, 2004. A copy of the International

Preliminary Examination Report in English is also attached hereto. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Y. ASANO et al., Prospects of Otolaryngology, 1991, Vol. 34, No. 4, pp. 411-425, along with an English Language Summary. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

K. YOSHIOKA, Prospects of Otolaryngology, 1983, Vol. 26, Suppl. 6, pp. 517-539, along with an English Language Summary. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 2 of the specification of the present application;

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G. BACHMANN et al., The Journal of Laryngology & Otology, 2001, Vol. 115, pp. 132-135. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 3 of the specification of the present application;

S.D. RAUCH, The Laryngoscope, 2000, Vol. 110, No. 4, pp. 545-552. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 3 of the specification of the present application;

N.G. ROBERTSON et al., Nature Genetics, 1998, Vol. 20, pp. 299-303. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 3, 9, and 25 of the specification of the present application;

NCBI OMIM, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>, Cochlin COCH5B2, 2005, 5 pages. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 3 of the specification of the present application;

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G. KOHLER et al., Nature, 1975, Vol. 256, pp. 495-497. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 20 of the specification of the present application; and

S. SHINDO et al., "Cochlin Kanren Tanpaku o mochiita Kai-Lymph-ro Shindan no Kokoromi", Dai 104 kai The Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Society of Japan, Inc., Sokai Gakujutsu Koenkai Yokoshu, Vol. 106, No. 4, page 106, Abstract #132 (2003).

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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